

**BLINKING RATE**

Adults blink their eyes from as often as 25 times a minute to as little as once a minute, depending on fatigue, light and other factors.

**WEATHER DATA**

Some weather experts now believe it may soon be possible to predict general weather conditions by as much as 10 years in advance.

**...Chace Named Chairman**

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which the members have placed in me is sincerely appreciated and I pledge to carry out the duties to the best of my ability.

"While I am reluctant to cast a shadow upon the occasion of my selection as the board's new chairman, two related subjects deserve mention at this time. They are high taxes and the alarming increase in charity applications.

"As I sense the feeling of the citizens of our county, they are looking to the board of supervisors for good sound business administration. Tax reduction, in my opinion, is the No. 1 concern of this board and I know that together we five members can set a pattern for other governmental agencies in the county to reduce the property owners' tax bill.

"This can only be done by paring our budget down to essential projects and services and through the elimination of duplicate services. It is most fitting that we take a good look at our operation and see where greater efficiency can be had and costs reduced.

Relief Eyed

"My second concern is over

the sharp increase in the number of people seeking relief over a year ago.

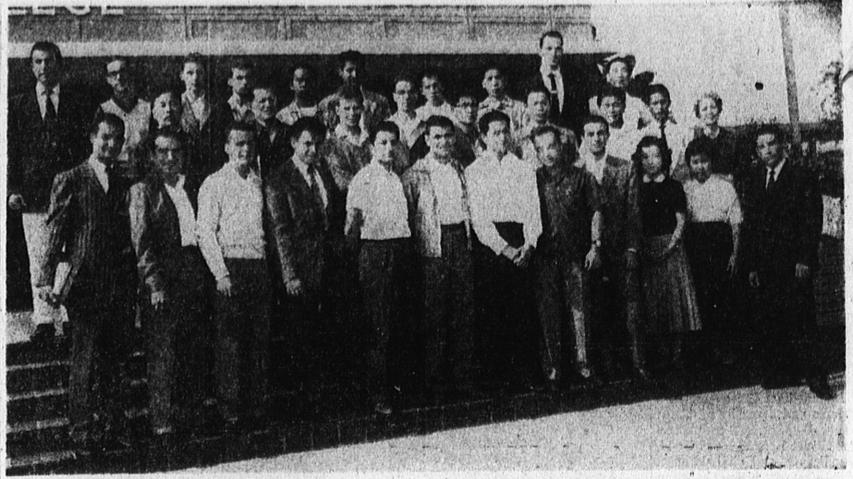
"Last October the general relief applications (all county money) totaled 3516. In October, 1956, the total applications received was 2518. This indicates an increase of about 40 per cent over a year ago.

"In the aid to needy children category (federal, state, and county funds) there has been a 31 per cent increase in applications during the same period.

"Old age assistance applications were 1719 in October of 1956 and in October of this year they totaled 2347—an increase of 37 per cent.

"The applications, of course, are not all reflected on our assistance rolls because many of the applicants are located in other jobs through the aid of our Department of Charities. However, the department reports that such jobs are becoming more difficult to find.

"It is therefore essential that this board do all within its power to assist new non-defense industries as well as new defense industries in locating within our boundaries so that



**FOREIGN FLAVOR . . .** Twenty foreign nations are represented by the Associated Students of El Camino College; 41 students from other countries being registered this semester. Most of them appear above with Miss Mary C.

Hancock (second row, right), who advises foreign students on campus. Miss Hancock is assistant director of student personnel at El Camino.

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**Consolidation Plan Studied**

The first serious step looking towards a consolidation of certain city and county governmental services was taken by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday when they approved appointment of a committee to look into such a study.

The board, on motion of Supervisor Warren Dorn, named its chairman Burton W. Chace as their representative to meet with the chairman of the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities and the mayor of Los Angeles to explore the matter.

Dorn's resolution further called for the three titular heads of government, if they thought it feasible, to set up a meeting between the board of directors of the League of California Cities for Los Angeles County, the Board of Supervisors and representatives of the unincorporated areas.

Commenting on the resolution, Chace said, "While I strongly approve the idea that we must, in the interest of economy, do something about the consolidation of certain city and county functions, it will never be my policy to usurp from any city governmental functions that they do not wish to surrender."

**Assemblyman To Speak at Carson Assn.**

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas will be guest speaker at the Carson Civic Betterment Assn. meeting next Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at White Junior High School.

Election of officers for 1958 will be held at the meeting and further action is expected on a cleanup campaign.

The following have been nominated for office: Ray Wetzel, Rolland Blanchard and J. R. Gateley, president; J. K. Ibragim and Albert Reynolds, vice president; Mrs. Earl Gentry and J. R. Gateley, secretary; Mrs. Catherine Norcross, treasurer.

Theo Bredahl, Bill Hodges, E. J. Benda, Mrs. Homer Tidwell, Mrs. Lorraine Ball, Mrs. Irene Klein, Cecil Hummel, D. Myers and E. J. Ermenc, Board of Directors (seven to be elected); Mrs. Theo Bredahl and Richard Arterburn, Board of Trustees (three to be elected); W. W. Taylor, Robert Thirtle and A. E. Saddler, sergeant at arms.

**KNOWN SPECIES**

There are about 80,000 recognized species of the moths and butterflies.

**Robinson to Head Local Parade Group**

President Ernest J. Robinson of the Torrance Exchange Club has been invited to head a group of local club members attending the annual Tournament of Roses Week luncheon to be given Dec. 30 by the Pasadena Exchange Club in honor of the Club's National Secretary Harold Harter.

Harter, who is coming from the Exchange headquarters in Toledo, Ohio, will also be a distinguished guest of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Assn.

The luncheon will be held at the Huntington-Sheraton hotel as one of the features of the week-long pre-parade activities in Pasadena.

**FARM POPULATION**

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